



The Most Beautiful Person on Earth ...Is A Mother

*"The Most Important Person on earth is a mother.
She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral.
She need not.*

*She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral
-a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.*

*The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.
They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven.
Only a human mother can.*

*Mothers are closer to God the Creator
than any other creature;*

God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...

*What on God's good earth is more glorious than this:
to be a mother?"*

~ Venerable Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty

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"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.
For love is the beauty of the soul." Augustine of Hippo

There are times that we might become confused about the meaning of beauty. Our ideas may be skewed by things that the world perceives as beauty or by what another individual perceives as beauty. But what is true beauty?

Here at Bridge, we strive to help each person who walks through our doors know and feel the intrinsic value, beauty and worth that each of us is created with. Sometimes one may simply just need to be reminded or reassured.

That's exactly what was the case with a young lady, whom we will refer to as "Anita". Anita came in 6 months pregnant looking for abortion information. She was going through some difficult times. She was confused and afraid. Her relationship with her boyfriend just wasn't the same, and she was feeling unattractive and insecure. She felt alone and overwhelmed. Her self-esteem was suffering and she began lacking in confidence of her beauty. Fears consumed her and she thought an abortion was her only choice. She reached out to us on our 24 hour helpline. Days of communication helped build a trusted relationship.

Suddenly, weeks went by with no communications from Anita. We were concerned for her wellbeing. Then one day, clear out of the blue, we received a call; "Hi, It's Anita, remember me? ... I just had a little baby girl!" Anita called us from the Labor and Delivery Room at the hospital to share the wonderful news of her precious daughter's birth.

This story shows the impact of what a little bit of support and affirmation can do. It shows how Anita found strength in her beauty and it shows how that confidence gave her so much joy in announcing the birth of her child.

There are times when one needs a little extra help, a little extra hope, a little extra encouragement or a little extra light to help see the beauty within them. Your support allows us to give that "extra" care necessary during times of difficulty. Sometimes that comes in the form of some diapers, baby formula, baby clothes, a crib, car seat or some other baby items. Sometimes it is found in a listening ear, a joyful smile, a reassuring voice or a caring heart. It's the little things that make the biggest impact.

It isn't easy to continually ask for help. Yet, we do so knowing the graces that are bestowed on those who sacrifice for the needs of others. The heartfelt gratitude of our moms and babies brings that elusive joy. And it is your dedication and support that allows us to continue caring for each person who walks through our doors.

Thank you for supporting our mission in caring for those most vulnerable. Thank you for your belief in us and for your continued generosity.

Please consider making a monthly donation to Bridge. We truly appreciate the loyalty of our benefactors. Your contributions have been a vital part of our daily operations for the past 30 years.

*A joy shared is doubled;
A sorrow shared is halved.*

*Our love shines brightest
when we hold each other up
throughout the seasons of life,
doubling our joy and
significantly cutting our
sorrows.*



"Joy never comes to those who seek it. It is in the self-forgetting hour, when we are touched by another's need and sacrifice for it, that we suddenly find our soul aflame with glorious joy."

-Fulton Sheen

*Love from our family
To yours*

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